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Prof. M. L. Wolfrom,
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Dear Dr. Wolfrom,

As part of an experimental program on the genetic control of enzymatic specificity, I am anxious to determine the activity of *E. coli* and of a maltase-less mutant thereof on sugars related to maltose. In particular, I would be interested in "iso-maltose", more specifically 6-glucose α -glucoside, but have been unable to locate any at this university, nor am I as yet equipped to attempt to prepare a sample.

If you should have this compound in your possession, I should be very much obliged to you for a sample; 1-5 g would be sufficient for the most essential series of tests; if more is available, I can find good use for 10-25 g.

If you are unable to comply with this request, I would appreciate it if you could refer me to a) other parties who might be in a more favorable position, and b) directions for the preparation of the compound in question.

Yours very sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Ass't Professor.